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The goldfinches are in the sunflowers,
excess feeding excess, won't wait
for the seeds to dry, eat them alive.
The sun, yellow, obese, falls behind the hay
ricks where sulphur and honey meet, dry, sweet.
August. Month of indulgence. Fire
flies into you, winged carelessness, haze
the color that goes with, burns off gold, the last
of summer, stubble, chaff, lightning,
the end we run from across the field,
gold, everything gold, air, earth, flower, bird,
the voice clear but low, pleading, Wait.

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